

2008 International Year of Sanitation



“Sanitation is more important than independence.” (Mahatma Gandhi)

- ❑ One out of every six people worldwide lacks access to safe drinking water; the average American uses 100 gallons of water daily.
- ❑ Two million people, most of them children, die annually from waterborne disease.
- ❑ Poor sanitation means bad health. Bacteria, viruses and parasites found in human waste are responsible for the transmission of cholera, typhoid and other infectious diseases that kill millions of people every year.
- ❑ **THERE IS A GLOBAL SANITATION AND WATER CRISIS.** This crisis is undermining all development efforts, causing one in five child deaths, slowing progress in education, burdening health systems and preventing economic growth.
- ❑ Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 7, Target 10, outlines the global ambition to halve the proportions of people without access to water and sanitation by 2015. However, at current rates of progress, in sub-Saharan Africa the water target will not be met until 2035 and the sanitation target will not be met until the 22nd century. The lack of improvement is a major contributing factor to the poor progress for the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).
 - MDG 1 *to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger*
 - MDG 3 *to eliminate gender disparity in education*
 - MDG 4 *to reduce child mortality*
- ❑ A growing number of U.S. families are having their water shut off because they cannot afford the cost.



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